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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THIS TWO-PART MESSAGE WE EXPLORE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTR ARNESEN'S PROBLEMS WITH ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT AUTOMATIC TRIGGER PROVISION OF THE IEP AGREEMENT AND SOME OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF REJECTION BYPARLIAMENT OF NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP. THE NORWEGIAN CABINET WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION THIS MONTH, AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER URGENTLY WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN OR WISH TO DO WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR NORWAY TO DECIDE IN FAVOR OF PARTICIPATION. PART 1 OF THIS CABLE CONTAINS A RUNDOWN GIVEN BY ARNESEN OF THE ECG MEETING ON JULY 29-31 AND OF NORWEGIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PRESENT IEP AGREEMENT.
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PART 2 DISCUSSES
ARNESEN'S FEAR THAT UNLESS THE TRIGGER PRO-

VISIONS ARE MODIFIED THEDEBATE IN PARLIAMENT ON PAR-
TICIPATION IN THE IEP AND ON SHARING NORWEGIAN OIL WILL
RE-OPEN THE ISSUES AND WOUNDS OF THE DEBATE IN 1972 ON
EEC MEMBERSHIP. THE FORMER BRATTELI GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED
MEMBERSHIP THEN, AND THE PRESENT BRATTELI GOVERNMENT
APPEARS TO BE LEANING TOWARD IEP PARTICIPATION NOW.
HOWEVER, A SECOND DEFEAT COULD HEIGHTEN RESURGENT
NATIONALISM AND COULD MAKE FUTURE
NORWEGIAN COOPERATION
WITH THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE MORE DIFFICULT.
ACTION REUESTED: GUIDANCE BY AUGUST 12 ON THE U.S.
RESPONSE TO NORWEGIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH THE IEP. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN A RECENT RUNDOWN ON THE JULY 29-31 ECG MEETING,
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARNE ARNESEN EXPRESSED GRATIFICA-
TION FOR U.S. UNDERSTANDING OFNORWEGIAN CONCERNS OVER
THE EP AGREEMENT. HE GAVE EMBASSY FOLLOWING FILL-IN
AND COMMENTS ON MEETING.

2. DRAFTING OF REPORTS -- ACCORDINGTO
ARNESEN,
DAVIGNON WILL DRAFT A COMPLETE REPORT N FOLLOW-UP
WORK OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. DANES WILL
PREPARE TEXT OF DRAFT IEP AGREEMENT. BOTH DOCUMENTS
WILL BE CIRCULATED IN MID-AUGUST. GOVERNMENTS WILL
CONSIDER THEMDURING THE LAST HALF OF AUGUST. THEN
WORKING GROUPS WILL PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON DRAFTS
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR FINAL ECG MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19-
20.

3. NORWEGIAN TIMETABLE -- PENDING CONSULTATION WITH
FRDENLUND, ARNESEN'S PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE WAS TO
HAVE CABINET CONSIDER DRAFTS IN LATER PART OF
AUGUST. GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN CONSULT FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED
SPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAW SOME MERIT
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IN DOING THIS RIGHT AFTER CABINET CONSIDERED DRAFTS
SO THAT NORWAY WOULD HAVE ALL ITS DUCKS IN A ROW BE-
FORE WORKING GROUPS ON DRAFTS MEET IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.
FRYDENLUND WILL BE ON LEAVE UNTIL AUGUST 19TH AND
ARNESEN UNTIL AUGUST 12TH.

4.NORWAY -- THE "BAD BOY" AT ECG MEETING -- ARNESEN
READILY ADMITTED THAT ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS EXCEPT

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NORWAY WERE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON IEP AT JULY 29-
31 ECG MEETING AND THAT NORWAY HAD BEEN THE ONLY REAL
HOLDOUT. HE EXCUSED THIS ON GROUNDS THAT:
(A) NORWAY WOULD BE ONLY NET OIL EXPORTER
IN IEP;
(B) NORWAY WOULD BE ONLY ECG COUNTRY WHICH
WOULD HAVE TO SEEK PARLIAMENTARY CONSENT;
(C) RISING NATIONALISM IN NORWAY IN THE WAKE
OF REJECTION OF EEC MEMBERSHIP AND AS A CONSEQUENCE
OF NORWAY'S COMING EMERGENCE AS
A MAJOR OIL AND GAS
EXPORTER;
(D) HIS FEAR THAT NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE
IEP WOULD TRIGGER ANOTHER EEC DEBATE FUELED BY QUES-
TIONS OF OIL SHARING AND RELINQUISHMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY.

5. THE AUTOMATIC TRIGGER STILL NORWAY'S BIGGEST HANG-UP.
ARNESEN SAID THAT AGREEMENT THAT THE IEP
GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD MEET AND DISCUSS EMERGENCY SITUA-
TIONS BEFORE ACTION WAS INITIATED WAS VERY HELPFUL AND
MET IN LARGE MEASURE NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN POLITICAL
CONSULTATIONS BEFORE ACTIVATING THE IEP TRIGGER. HOW-
EVER, TWO TRIGGER ISSUES REMAINED. AS PRESENTLY CON-
CEIVED, A MAJORITY VOTE OF ECG MEMBERS IS NECESSARY TO
TURN OFF IEP ACTION. NORWAY WOULD PREFER MAKING A
MAJORITY VOTE NECESSARY TO TURN ON ACTION. IN ADDITION,
ARNESEN THOUGHT IEP AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE A PROVISION
WHICH WOULD ALLOW NORWAY TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM
IEP ACTION, IF OVERRIDING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
SO DICTATED. HE ADMITTED THAT THIS AMOUNTED TO AN
ESCAPE CLAUSE, BUT SAID THAT HERE AS WITH QUESTION
OF MAJORITY VOTE HE COULD FORESEE SITUATIONS WHERE
OTHER IEP COUNTRIES WOULD STICK TOGETHER BECAUSE
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THEY WERE OIL IMPORTERS. WITHOUT AN ESCAPE CLAUSE,
NORWAY, THE ONLYOIL EXPORTER IN THE IEP, MIGHT FIND
ITSELF FORCED TO TAKE ACTIONS WITH WHICH IT FUNDA-
MENTALLY DISAGREED. THIS PROSPECT WOULD COMPLICATE
GETTING PARLIAMENTARY CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
IEP.

6. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON NEW IEP MEMBERS -- ARNESEN SAID
THIS CONCERN WAS OVERCOME IN PART BY UNDERSTANDING
THATDAVIDSON WOULD CONSULT SWEDES, FRENCH, SWISS,
AUSTRALIANS, NEW ZEALANDERS, AND AUSTRIANS, PROBABLY
ABLY WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THEM INTO THE IEP.
IF THEY JOINED, THEY WOULD BE CHARTER MEMBERS AND NOT
SUBJECT TO THREAT OF A VETO. HOWEVER, HE RETAINED A
MEASURE OF CONCERN ABOUT OTHER OECD MEMBERS, E.G.,

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GREECE, AND STILL THOUGHT FULL ACCEPTANCE OF IEP OBLIGATIONS WAS ENOUGH. HE ALSO DISLIKED IDEA OF A SPECIAL IEP CLUB WITHIN OECD AND EXPRESSED SOME WORRY THAT THE DAVIGNON CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING SWEDEN AND OTHERS IN.

7. FORM OF AGREEMENT -- SINCE NORWAY MUST OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY CONSENT FOR IEP PARTICIPATION, ARNESEN SAID HE DID NOT GREATLY CARE WHETHER AGREEMENT TOOK FORM OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS DESIRED BY THE UK OR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AS WISHED BY THE U.S. AND ITALY. HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE WAS FOR AN OECD RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HELP IN PRESENTATION OF THE IEP TO THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT, BUT THIS WAS NOT A STICKING POINT.
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